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The Honorable Christian A. Herter  
Under Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Herter:

A few days ago you mentioned to me the joint American-British-French project for the publication of the Diplomatic History of World War II, and you showed me a memorandum citing certain items which would appear in a volume about to be published. At that time I expressed my apprehension with regard to certain items, particularly [redacted] I considered this item uninteresting and unimportant insofar as history is concerned, but possibly damaging to Western interests.

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Since our talk, Monsieur Joxe of the French Foreign Office, on his own initiative mentioned the matter to me and expressed apprehension regarding the proposed publication of certain correspondence

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From the point of view of intelligence operations, I consider that the publication of material of the nature indicated above may be seriously detrimental, and in the light of the statutory authority which I have under law respecting "the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure," I would welcome it if a review

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could be made of such manuscripts prior to publication since, as one approaches the critical days of the war and matters and personalities still of current importance, the judgment as to present publication should be determined in the light of existing relationships and operations as well as that of historical interest.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

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